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LITTLE INTEREST SHOWN IN PRIMARY

Lack of Real Contests Given as Reason for Failure of Voters to Cast Ballots at Last Monday's Election.

WEST AND JOHNSON BEATEN

Surprise Given When New Office Seekers Lead as the Count Ends.

With few contests for nominations at the non-partisan city primary election Monday, the second to be held under the commission form of city government, few voters were attracted to the polls, only about a third of the total vote of the city being out.

The biggest surprise of the primary was the high vote that was rolled up by Joseph L. Biggerstaff, one of the three seeking nomination as a candidate for justice of the peace, and the elimination of D. L. Johnson, present justice, George H. Carl, the third candidate, topping Johnson in the count. Biggerstaff received 311 votes, Carl 249 and Johnson 179. As only twice the number to be elected can be nominated under the charter, this defeated Johnson for the nomination.

In the race for nominations for city commissioner Francis E. West was eliminated being fifth in the race with 191 votes to his credit.

The strength that was shown by Frank O. Parker, who led the five candidates for commissioner nominations, and Arthur E. Davies, second in the list, was perhaps one of the features of the day. Both led Philip W. Creaser and Albert J. Archer, present commissioners. Parker received 370 votes, Davies 334, Creaser 324 and Archer 228.

Because of the fact that there were only two candidates for nomination for mayor, both Mayor Murphy and Karl R. Adams were nominated. The latter received 417 votes and the former 350 votes. Adams led in four voting precincts and Murphy in two.

	For Mayor	Adams
Ward 1, prec. 1	Murphy 116	153
Ward 1, prec. 2	27	40
Ward 2, prec. 1	49	68
Ward 2, prec. 2	30	45
Ward 3	58	51
Ward 4	70	60
Totals	350	417

For Commissioners					
Precinct	Archer	Creaser	Davies	Parker	West
Ward 1—1	77	101	136	149	52
Ward 1—2	23	31	33	25	14
Ward 2—1	69	53	51	53	24
Ward 2—2	22	35	31	33	15
Ward 3	21	45	35	50	58
Ward 4	46	60	48	60	28
Totals	228	325	334	370	191

For Justice

Precinct	Biggerstaff	Carl	Johnson
Ward 1-1	120	67	74
Ward 1-2	19	10	35
Ward 2-1	51	40	23
Ward 2-2	33	25	14
Ward 3	38	36	28
Ward 4	50	46	30
Totals	311	249	179

There were no contests in the wards for nomination for supervisor—Jesse E. Fuller in the First, N. E. and in the Second, Albert P. Cook in the Third and Jacob D. Helman in the Fourth, being unopposed for nomination. All of them received a fine complimentary vote in their respective wards.

AMENDMENT

Michigan Voters Asked to Pass on Soldier Compensation.

By a recent legislative act an amendment will be submitted to the voters of the state at the spring election, April 4, which if carried will authorize the state to borrow thirty million dollars for the purpose of compensating all persons who served in the late World War and who were residents of the state at the time that they entered the service. The amendment to be voted upon follows:

"An added section (20) to Article X, the effect of which, if adopted, will be to authorize the State of Michigan to borrow thirty million dollars for the purpose of compensating all persons who served in the late World War and who were residents of this State at the time of entering such service."

Mrs. Bailey of Escanaba is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Parks, of St. Louis and old friends here.

THIRD PRIZE

D. W. Robinson Store Gets Prize on Its "Hoover" Window.

The D. W. Robinson store of this city has received word that the Hoover window of the local store has been awarded third prize in the recent Hoover Day window trimming contest, put on by the Hoover Suction Sweeper Company.

That the Alma store was able to win third prize in this contest speaks highly of the ability shown by Edward Campbell, decorator of the prize winning window.

Among the big concerns that were entered in the prize contest were Wanmakers of New York and Philadelphia, Altman of New York, The Fair of Chicago, Hudsons of Detroit, and The May company of Cleveland. In fact between five and six thousand stores in all parts of the country took part in the window display contest.

The judges for the contest were composed of five of the most prominent New York window trimmers.

ALLEN TO ACT AS CHAIRMAN

Winslow, Cushing and Wagner Will Be His Commanders in this City.

Preparations for the Alma College endowment drive in Gratiot county are going rapidly forward, and it has already been announced that Jotham Allen, manager of the Alma plant of the Michigan Sugar Company, has been prevailed upon to accept the chairmanship for Gratiot county in the campaign.

Mr. Allen accepted the place Monday and since that time has been busy with the college committee in securing other workers. He is showing a vim that promises to be felt strongly once the campaign opens, and the drive for Gratiot's quota of \$110,000 is started.

Three commanders will serve under Mr. Allen in Alma. They have already been selected and are known husters. They are Joseph L. Winslow, William W. Cushing and R. B. Wagner. Their divisions will be known as divisions A, B and C. The three commanders will now select a number of captains to work under their direction, and this will be followed by the selection of the teams that will work in the campaign.

No commander has as yet been selected for the balance of the county, outside of Alma, but it is expected that such a leader will be selected before the week is over, and that the organization work in the county will be promptly started.

Efforts are already under way at the college. Robert Wyatt has been chosen by the class presidents at the college to act as the commander at the college. The captains who will work under his charge at the college are the class presidents—Allen Follette, Roger Zinn, Russell Wilson and Alvin Graham. Reports indicate that the students of the college are taking an unusually deep interest in the forthcoming drive.

Tuesday evening, before leaving for Detroit, President H. M. Crooks also announced two regional directors for the state-wide campaign. Dr. B. H. Masselink of Grand Rapids will be in charge of the Grand Rapids region and M. W. Tanner of Saginaw will have charge of the Saginaw region.

FINAL GAMES

College Team Will Close 1921 Season With Road Trip.

The Alma college basketball team will close the 1921 season this week with a trip to Holland and Grand Rapids, playing Hope college Friday night and the Furniture City Y on Saturday night.

Although the Maroon and Cream aggregation has been showing a wonderful development in recent weeks, it is not expected to show class enough to defeat the fast Dutch team at Hope Friday night. The Hope team will class among the very best in the state and Alma has little expectation of putting over a victory in this fray. Saturday night at Grand Rapids Y things may be different. While the Furniture City outfit has been putting up a strong game all season, it's not as strong as the Hope team and it is believed that if Alma can send her full strength against Grand Rapids that a victory can be secured in the last game of the year. Coach Steele has high hopes that another win will be achieved by his fighting bunch of basket tossers who have proven such a sensation in the M. I. A. A. in late weeks.

Horses wanted. We will buy horses at the Wright House Livery, Alma, Mich., weight from 900 up; age from 5 years old up; must be fat. Bring them in Saturday, March 12. Good buyers for the right kind of horses. Rain or shine. Weinburg Bros., Detroit, Mich.—adv.

For up-to-date millinery call at the Louise Hat Shop.—adv.

DEFEAT HILLSDALE IN ROUGH GAME

Steele's Men Put Up Impregnable Defense in Second Half

LOSE TO YPSILANTI TEACHERS

Fresh Players Overcome Alma's Lead in Last Minutes of Play.

Alma College made it an even split in her final two Michigan intercollegiate games of the season last week, beating Hillsdale College at Hillsdale Friday night to the tune of 20 to 16, and losing to the Michigan State Normals of Ypsilanti on Saturday night by a score of 18 to 12, after having held the lead until the last five minutes of play.

The victory over Hillsdale puts Alma in third place in the Michigan Intercollegiate race, a wonderful showing for the Alma collegians, who started the season as an entirely green team, the only team in the M. I. A. A. which started the year without the services of at least one veteran college player. During the early part of the season, after Alma started on a tour of the foreign courts in the association four straight beatings were handed the Maroon and Cream, and then came a revamping of the aggregation and a wonderful sport which pulled the collegians up from almost a last place aggregation to one that Ypsilanti could not win from in a game which meant the title for 1921 for the Teachers.

It has been one of the most startling finishes that an Alma team has ever shown in the M. I. A. A. The Friday night game at Hillsdale was played under anything, except good playing conditions. The crowd constantly jeered the Alma aggregation, and the Hillsdale five played a rough game from start to finish.

At the end of the initial half the Blue and White team was leading Alma 9 to 7, but when the second half started the Alma defense was impregnable and for eighteen minutes of the twenty minute playing session the Hillsdale team was able to connect for just one lone point, while Alma was piling up a good lead.

In the final two minutes the defense, with the game safely tucked away, eased up and Hillsdale gathered in three field baskets, making the final count 20 to 16. Beattie and Kierker featured for the Alma aggregation, while Kirk starred for the Hillsdale team.

Ypsi-Alma Alma started with a rush against the Ypsilanti Normal team Saturday night, taking a lead right at the start of the game, which was held until the final five minutes of play, when Rynearson sent a fresh bunch of men to the court, for the Teachers and were down the already tired Alma aggregation, pulling to the front with a lead that landed the game for the Green and White.

Ypsi's aggregation to tie with Kalamazoo College for the first place, but not for the championship, as there will be no title with Ypsi and the Kazoos tied. At the end of the first half Alma was leading Ypsi 9 to 7, and as the game went into the second half the Alma crew continued to hold the lead. With only five minutes to go, Coach Rynearson of Ypsi, who saw his prospective tie departing, made a last desperate chance to land the fray and sent a new bunch to the floor, which quickly forged to the front, the tired Alma team being no match for the fresh team. Ypsi piled up the counters rapidly in the last five minutes, and the game finished with Ypsi leading 18 to 12.

Jimmy Beattie was there with the foul shooting again in the Ypsi game landing a number of points for the Maroon and Cream from the foul line. The entire team played a fine game in each contest, and every man on the squad is deserving of considerable credit. Under the M. I. A. A. rules no championship is awarded in case of a tie, so the title will be held in abeyance for the season of 1921, unless there is a playoff between Kazoo and Ypsi. There is practically no chance of this however. Thus to Alma must be given the credit for deciding the race this year. Counted as the champion, after having defeated Kazoo by the entire Michigan Intercollegiate, except for a few of the more staunch fans here, Ypsi was pulled out of first place a week ago when Alma handed the Teachers the only M. I. A. A. defeat that they suffered, and made it possible for Kalamazoo College to work into a tie with the Green and White for first place.

Mr. and Mrs. McCloskey returned from California Wednesday, where they have been for the past several months for Mr. McCloskey's health.

"THE CLIMAX"

Well Known Comedy Last Number on Alma Lyceum Course.

"The Climax," a dramatic masterpiece of comedy and music, which is to be the final number on the Alma Lyceum course this year, will appear at the Strand theater on Monday evening, March 21, and promises to be the best attraction that has appeared on the course during the entire season.

For two seasons "The Climax" thrilled New York and later five road companies played to capacity in every section of the country. The revival of the production by the Red-path company has been made possible by the personal co-operation of the author, Edward Locke, who organized and coached the present cast. Newspapers in every part of the country speak highly of "The Climax" and it is certain that theater-goers of Alma and vicinity will enjoy a rare treat on March 21. Those not holding season tickets may procure tickets for the production at the Strand theater, a few being available.

ITHACA MEETING BOOSTS HIGHWAY

Gratiot Good Roads Association Held Fine Meeting There Monday.

One of the most interesting good roads meetings that has been held in this part of the state in months, was the session of the Gratiot County Good Roads Association held in the armory at Ithaca, which was attended by nearly three hundred people from various parts of the county, including a number from this city.

Among the speakers at the meeting were Phil T. Colgrove, W. M. Bryant and other good roads men of note in Michigan. Moving pictures of road work, and road conditions were one of the features of the meeting.

The meeting had been called to boost the Colgrove road, which if it should be approved by the state legislature and constructed would traverse Gratiot county to the south of Alma.

A resolutions committee appointed at the meeting brought in resolutions looking for the betterment of the township roads of the county, and which follow closely on an idea that was suggested in The Record nearly six months ago, in which an adequate patrol system was advocated on the township roads of the county.

The resolution which was passed without a vote being recorded against it follows:

"Believing that the experience of Gratiot county during the last year proves that the patrol system will greatly improve all classes of roads whether gravel or earth, and believing further,

"That all the people of the county are entitled to have brought to their own doors, as much as possible of the benefit of the work for good roads, and believing further,

"That for some years to come it will be impossible to reach all parts of every township by state, trunk line or county roads, and that such state and county roads can only serve as the great arteries of travel of which the township roads will continue to be the feeders, therefore be it

"Resolved, by this association, that we most cordially endorse the following plan of township work and township patrol:

"1. Each township be divided into two or more patrol districts.

"2. A competent man with team and wagon be employed for each district and furnished a road grader. That he shall give six days of every week through the summer exclusively to the road work of his district, either using the grader, filling holes with gravel or doing such other work as may be required.

"3. That we fully recognize the importance of putting all state aid roads in proper repair and the full and complete maintenance of the same and that nothing in this resolution shall be construed to conflict with the repair and proper maintenance of such roads.

"4. We further recommend that highway commissioners in the various townships be chosen solely with reference to their fitness and not on a partisan basis, that patrol men be employed for the season and be paid wages which shall be uniform throughout the county thereby avoiding friction between townships and the county. We further recommend

"5. That a vote be taken at each of the township meetings on the question of adopting the patrol system for the township with as many patrol men, not to exceed four, as is practical in view of the other work to be done in the township.

"6. That copies of this resolution be sent to the township committee men of the various political parties and to the supervisor highway commissioner and clerk of each township

ENDOWMENT BANQUET WAS WELL ATTENDED

Coming Campaign of Alma College Holds a Big Interest for Members of Chamber of Commerce.

AMOUNT SOUGHT IS \$685,000

Gratiot's Quota of \$110,000 Amounts to Two Mills on the Dollar Compared With Valuation of the Taxable Property.

Interest in the coming endowment campaign of Alma College reached a high pitch at the banquet Tuesday evening tendered to the members of the Alma Chamber of Commerce by the college authorities, and what at first had seemed a large quota for Gratiot county in the drive, was shown clearly to be a sum that the county should be able to achieve, as comparisons brought home clearly to the members of the organization that the amount was small, insignificant really, when compared with the valuation of the taxable property of the county.

Another matter that held a big interest for Alma people was the announcement that Jotham Allen, manager of the Michigan Sugar Company, and one of the best known men of the entire county, had been prevailed upon to accept the local chairmanship.

Following a delightful banquet, during which music was rendered by the girls' glee club of the college, and also by Professor Beausang, President H. M. Crooks introduced in a few well chosen words, Jotham Allen, local chairman of the campaign, who presided as toastmaster.

Harry Gerber, president of the Alma Chamber of Commerce, the first speaker of the evening, called attention to the commercial value of Alma College to the community. He stated that during the course of a year the students and faculty spent in excess of \$100,000 in Alma, or as much money as a factory running the entire year, with from 75 to 100 men, would use for its payroll. He called attention to the fact that the achieving of the endowment goal would aid in making Alma College a larger and better institution, bringing more money into Alma.

He spoke very highly of the coming campaign, and in bringing his address to a close stated that the Alma Chamber of Commerce must give its full aid and assistance in making the drive a success. President H. M. Crooks, the second speaker, called attention to the start of the former drive, which was halted by the war, and the amount of money that was obtained at that time, before the campaign was closed by the great world struggle into which this country plunged.

He then turned his attention to the pledges that had recently been made to the college, one from the General Education Board for \$75,000 and one from the General Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, both of which were conditional on the balance of \$300,000 being secured for the endowment fund. These pledges with the amount of endowment already secured, makes \$100,000 in sight of the first \$300,000 of the additional endowment that is needed by the college. He then called attention to the fact that the \$110,000 desired in Gratiot county for the memorial gymnasium would make up the first \$300,000, upon which the pledges totaling \$125,000 are conditional. Dr. Crooks called attention to the fact that the General Education Board does not aid colleges until after a close survey of its possibilities and future have been made, and said that only three colleges in Michigan, including Alma, have been offered aid from this board.

The memorial gymnasium to be constructed from the \$110,000 being sought in Gratiot county, it was stated by President Crooks would be a fitting and lasting memorial to the men of the county and of the college, who served in the great world war, and would furnish a memorial, that would not only be lasting, but useful. It was said that the auditorium of the gymnasium would have a seating capacity of 1,200 people, and that it would be open to public meetings of both city and county. It will be a modern gymnasium in every respect, with swimming pool, etc. Plans and drawings of the building are expected to be ready within the next two or three weeks.

He called attention to the spirit of the people of Alma that had put over a wonderful organization in its Chamber of Commerce just recently, and pointed out that such a wonderful spirit back of the drive in Gratiot would make it a success and earn

EXAMINATION IS CONTINUED

Collins Hearing Now Set To Be Heard Before Justice Myers On March 17.

The examination of Oscar Collins, held for the strangulation of Mrs. Ellen Crowe of this city on the night of February 5th, was started late Thursday afternoon of last week, and only one witness was called before it was necessary to adjourn. The hearing was adjourned until yesterday, but later it was decided to continue the adjournment of the examination until Thursday, March 17.

Thursday afternoon when the examination was opened before John Myers, Ithaca justice of the peace, Dr. J. N. Day of this city, one of the two physicians who performed the autopsy on the body of Mrs. Crowe, was called to the stand and proof of death was given as the first step in submission of evidence by Prosecutor Smith with a view of holding Collins for trial. Immediately following the testimony of Dr. Day adjournment was taken until Wednesday, March 8. Tuesday night the examination was put over until March 17.

It is the intention of Prosecutor O. L. Smith to submit just enough evidence at the examination to warrant holding Collins for trial on a charge of murder in circuit court, as he does not desire to produce all of the evidence that he has against Collins, at this time, and thus play into the hands of the defense, when the case comes up for trial.

AUCTION SALE There will be an auction sale of livestock at the Dennis Hawes farm, one and one-half mile east and three-fourths mile south of Elm Hall on Thursday, March 17, at 9:00 a. m.—adv.